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CONFERENCE

Quarterly Stake Conference is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18. It is expected that a member of the General Church authorities will be present to address the assembled Saints.

The first session will be a general Priesthood meeting, and call is made for all members of both Aaronic and Melchisedek priesthoods to be present.

The first general conference session will be Sunday morning. Another and important session will convene at 2 p. m. and the MIA stake officers will be in charge of the 7:30 evening meeting.

The Oakland ward choir under the direction of Verne Chapman will furnish music for the morning session. The Mormon Male Chorus, with Robert Sant leading, will feature the Sunday afternoon session. A special noon-day lunch will be served.

LOS ANGELES CHOIR

The Los Angeles Stake Choir of 250 voices, Joseph Ballantyne, director, and Lydia Nielsen Jones, organist, was invited to give a concert at the California Pacific International Fair in San Diego, July 10.

This is the third time the Mormon people have been given the opportunity of telling the thousands that visit the famous Balboa Park, that the true Gospel of Christ is here among them, ready for their acceptance. Joseph Ballantyne also directed the Ogden Tabernacle Choir of the same size in their recent concerts given here.

CHAPEL DEDICATED

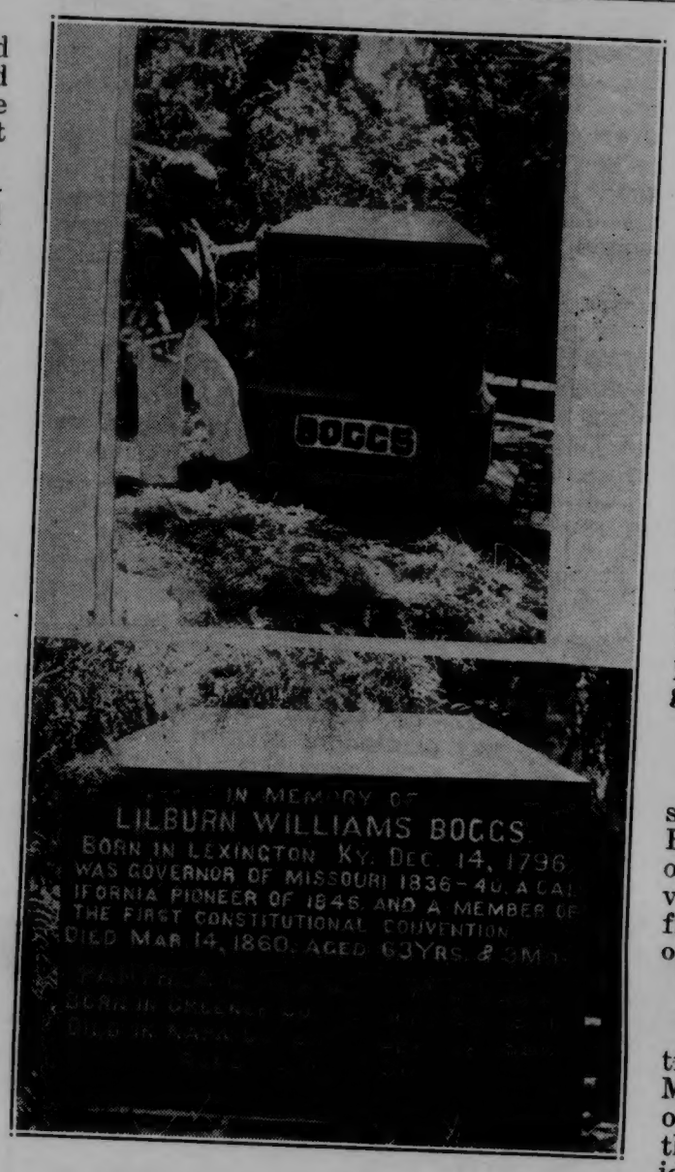
Extolling the growth of the Mormon Church, and contending that thrift and work are the prime essentials for the return of prosperity, President Heber J. Grant spoke at the dedication of the new chapel at Compton, eight miles from Los Angeles, July 15.

The ceremony was attended by about 800 persons. Bishop Charles Pugh presided. President Grant and J. Ruben Clark Jr., were returning from Hawaii, where a new Stake was recently organized.

MOURNED

A loss indeed was the death of Mrs. Elsie Talmage Brandley, 38, of pneumonia, at her home in Salt Lake City, Friday, August 2.

Mrs. Brandley, writer, editor, and prominent church member, was the daughter of the late Dr. James E. Talmage and May Booth Talmage. Besides contributing a column to The Salt Lake Tribune, under the name of Brenda Lee, she also was associate editor of the Improvement Era and was successively associate editor and editor of the Young Ladies' Journal before it was merged with the Improvement Era. Educated at the L. D. S. High School, University of Utah, and receiving her A. B. degree from the Brigham Young University in 1917, she was a member of the General Board of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, former chairman of the literary department of the Utah Academy of Science, Arts and Letters and was a well-known author, and contributor to various publications. Mrs. Brandley leaves seven little daughters, besides her mother and her husband. Known very well among the people of our stake, we greive with her host of friends.


BOGGS
IN MEMORY OF
LILBURN WILLIAMS BOGGS
BORN IN LEXINGTON KY. DEC. 14, 1796
WAS GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI 1836-40. A CALIFORNIA PIONEER OF 1846. AND A MEMBER OF THE FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
DIED MAR 14, 1860. AGED 63YRS. 3 MO.

—*Photos by W. E. Willey*

Little Blair East, whose grandmother crossed the plains with the Pioneers, at the grave of ex-Governor Boggs of Missouri, near Napa, California.

In an ill-kept and almost forgotten grave of a small cemetary near the little town of Napa, 43 miles north of Oakland, lie the remains of a governor of Missouri who once raised his hands against the Prophet Joseph Smith and his people.

Lilburn W. Boggs, powerful and potent as Missouri's chief executive from 1836 to 1840, thinking to win the plaudits of the world, issued his infamous "exterminating order" that made the Saints the prey of Missouri mobocrats and ruffians. After the hunted Mormons had found a haven at Nauvoo, the political fortunes of Boggs also drove him from Missouri and he sought to recoup his losses by determining to go west. After persecutions had forced the Saints to leave Nauvoo and they had found temporary resting places in Iowa across the Missouri River, ex-Governor Boggs on his way west passed the Saints, who in their poverty were trying to outfit themselves for the journey across the plains. He is reputed to have berated the Saints and to have remarked to James Bordeaux at Fort Laramie that the Mormons would "perish in the desert and their bones bleach white on the plains."

Boggs finally reached California in 1846 and was caught in the mad whirl that came with the gold rush. He was a member of the first constitutional convention in 1850. Later he made his home in Napa where his family had an unsavory reputation.

The bitter and fierce scenes of Missouri had left its mark, and most of his direct descendants came to unhappy endings. Boggs himself died March 14, 1860, at the age of 63. He was born in Lexington, Kentucky, December 14, 1796. Only a few decendants of a brother carry on the name of Boggs in California.

"Time effaces all wrongs and Truth grows with the years." So the mighty Governor of a soverign state, who said to General John B. Clark, on the 26th of October, 1838, "The Mormons must be treated as enemies and MUST BE EXTERMINATED or driven from the state, if necessary for the public good," lies unwept, unhonored and unsung in an almost forgotten grave, while the fame and character of the Latter-day Saints grows apace. They established a great empire in the Rocky Mountains. Only this past week a shaft of granite was dedicated in New York state to mark the beginning of the Mormon faith. Another shaft in Vermont marks the birthplace of Joseph Smith the Prophet.

Truth is mighty and will prevail. The puny arm of man raised against the Lord's work, will not prosper!

RADIO

A general acclaim has been accorded the church radio program now over KSFO, Sundays, 1 to 1:30 p. m. due to recent innovations and improvements announced by I. B. Ball in charge of the program.

Great credit is due Kimball Sant, an expert radio announcer and reader who has recently moved here from Boston. A brother of our own Robert Sant, male chorus leader, Kimball Sant has introduced a marvelously effective technique of continuity writing to harmonize with the choral themes. The result is a unity of music and continuity seldom equaled in any program on the radio today. The Saints should proudly advertise this hour among all friends.

Revel Pomeroy, announcer, and Clarence Lewis, Ladies' Choral director, have charge of the alternating broadcasts from San Francisco Stake over KSFO. Nothing but praise is heard for their excellent programs.

APOSTLE AT TEMPLE

Melvin J. Ballard, of the council of twelve, spoke in the Kirtland Temple, July 19. Frderick M. Smith, president of the Reorganized L. D. S. Church tendered the invitation. The Temple in Kirtland was the first to be built by the saints, and is now owned by the reorganized church.

ANGEL MORONI

Mute testimony of the solitary scribe, patriot, and last prophet of the Nephite race, Moroni, was enshrined in a granite shaft of 50 feet, topped by a statue in bronze of the prophet and dedicated July 21, by President Heber J. Grant at the Hill Cumorah, near Palmyra, N. Y.

An assemblage estimated from eight to ten thousand heard the dedicatory prayer and examined the impressive monument executed by Torlief S. Knaphus, Salt Lake sculptor.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1

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MORAL EDUCATION

Moral conditions in the world are serious. Young people, especially, need guidance on moral questions to a greater extent than at any time in the history of the human race. Never before have so many influences been at work to destroy the very souls of men.

Teachings of many prominent persons, suggestions in some motion pictures and articles in certain types of magazines and newspapers, and in books, are giving many young people false standards of morality.

The adversary is apparently making every possible effort to lead young people into immorality and unchastity, one of the surest means of leading them into apostasy and condemnation.

Young people as a rule, are anxious to do what is right; but with so many influences at work to lead them astray they need counsel and advice. They need warning of the far-reaching effects and serious consequences of immorality.

President Joseph F. Smith, in an article entitled, "Unchastity, the Dominant Evil of the Age," wrote: "No more loathsome cancer disfigures the body and soul of society today . . . It sulks through the land in blasphemous defiance of the laws of God and of man. Whether openly known or partly concealed under the cloak of guilty secrecy, the results are potent in evil influence."

The gospel teaches a definite standard of morality. This standard is binding upon all members, old or young, male or female. It is the standard of personal purity and strict chastity. The gospel teaches us to be clean and pure in our thoughts and actions. This message should permeate the homes of Latter-day Saints and be the burden of moral teachings in all Latter-day Saint institutions.

Ward Teachers' Message for Sept., 1935

SAN FRANCISCO NOTES

The cornerstone laying exercises of the San Francisco Ward Chapel were held Sunday, August 4. Stake and Civic Authorities addressed the many friends and members gathered for the occasion. A special scroll recording the names of donators to the edifice was sealed up in the cornerstone. The day revived another important happening in San Francisco, July 31, 1846, that Sam Brannan and over two hundred saints arrived from New York, after sailing around the Horn, to their land of promise.

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Elder Howard S. McDonald in the recent San Francisco Stake Conference advises: "Plant good seed as you journey along the highway of life, later it may grow into plants which will shelter you in the hour of adversity."

NO ASSIGNMENTS

No High Council or missionary assignments are made for this month due to Stake Conference which will be held on August 18, the usual missionary Sunday. Bishops desiring speakers for this month should make arrangements direct with members of the High Council or Missionary Group.

PIONEER FETE

Oakland Stake successfully celebrated Pioneer Day with a grand ball, Wednesday evening, July 24, in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, on the shores of Lake Merritt. The celebration marked a happy reunion of many friends. Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah was the guest speaker.

With a special service in the historic Tabernacle as a preliminary, Utah cities virtually declared a holiday for three days to honor their courageous predecessors. Bands, drum corps, parades of covered wagons and hand carts, crept slowly through the crowded streets, contrasted sharply to the drone of eighty marshalled war ships overhead.

The cities of the saints, pioneers now, as pioneers then, relived the thrilling days of the old time west, with rodeos and covered wagons. Not since the jubilee of 1897 have the valleys in the tops of the mountains echoed such a massive comemoration.

A great pagent casting over 2000 players, in tableau and symbolic dance, presented a pictorial review of Utah history, the evening of July 24. Offered in the University of Utah Stadium before 1800 people it was the crowning feature of the celebration.

AS OTHERS SEE US

The following story carried by United Press gives a humorous side to a tour by a Salt Lake group to New York. Under the caption: "MORMON PARTY HAD A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN LAST NIGHT" the story was printed in several hundred American newspapers:
By United Press

NEW YORK, July 27.—Eighty-four visiting Mormons, up bright and early, were ready today to tackle another sensational tour of the gay night spots. They completed a full day last night at a popular night club, still in high spirits and apparently none the worse for consumption of many glasses of milk.

Mrs. Vida Fox Clawson, director of the pilgrimage from Salt Lake City, said it was wonderful to travel with the party.

"They never drink or oversleep or miss trains or anything," she rejoiced. "There is not one in the whole party who smokes. Our religion teaches that tobacco is for bruises and sick cattle.

"But we don't worry about what other people do. We're broadminded, and we thought while we were in New York we ought to see all the sights."

Only two fell from grace and they were forgiven, as it happened at Jack Dempsey's where strong drink is famous.

"I can't imagine what got into father and mother," a young woman mourned. They both drank coffee. I'm so ashamed of them."

The party came East chiefly to visit shrines associated with the Mormon faith.

BISHOPRIC

Elder Ralph Barney was sustained as second counselor to Bishop J. G. Shields of the Oakland Ward, July 21. Elder Barney succeeds Ether M. Davey released because of ill health. Davey has served faithfully and well for the past three years. Bishop Shields has had to choose two counselors during the past few months. A. Eldon Rex moved to Hawaii, and Angus Norberg was chosen to fill the vacancy. Elder Barney, the new counselor is a recently returned missionary from Chicago where he was in charge of the Church exhibit at the World's Fair. He was married to Miss Fern Bagley, April 5.

PROPHECY OF ORSON PRATT

Speaking in Salt Lake City on December 28, 1873, Orson Pratt of the Council of Twelve, stated of the 'last days;'

"There must be something connected with the sounding of this trump that is miraculous in order that all nations may hear it. And sound that can be produced by mortal man does not reach, generally speaking, over about thirty miles from where it originates, which is a very small space indeed. But there will be something connected with the sounding of the trump of the first of the seven angels which will manifest a power which we know nothing of. The sound of that trump will be heard by all people, nations, kindreds and tongues in the four corners of the globe. I do not know that the sound will be much louder than some we have heard, but it will be carried by some miraculous power so that all people will hear it." (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 16, pa. 327-328)

These words were uttered 62 years ago, yet thro the facilities of this same invention that was foretold by Orson Pratt, President Heber J. Grant delivered a sermon on an 'Around the World' programme of Station KSL in Salt Lake City, that was heard in the four corners of the globe, and received by the ears of millions of people. He was speaking over a chain of 68 leading broadcasting stations of the Columbia network in the United States and Canada.

IN OLD BOMBAY

Word has just been received from Karleton Driggs, organist for the Mormon Male Chorus, that he recently played over the radio in Bombay, India. Karleton is playing in an orchestra on a "round-the-world" ship. His many friends will be glad to learn that his fine musical ability is also appreciated on the other side of the world. He reports that he is enjoying himself and expects to return during the month.

DEGREES

Degrees for scholarship have been awarded to several Latter-day Saint students by the University of California. Miss Elsie Johnson, sister of President J. Edward Johnson of the Stake Presidency, recently received her Master's degree. Sometime ago Von T. Ellsworth of the Stake MIA superintendency was given his Ph. D. by the university for research work in taxation.

Recently Leo H. Linford was awarded a Ph. D. in physics. Dr. Linford has been a very active worker in the Berkeley ward for the past two years. He leaves shortly to assume a new position at the Utah State Agricultural College at Logan.

BOOKS

The Oakland Stake Book Depository offers a new Book Budget Plan for making Christmas presents of Church publications. A peculiar dignity attaches to the gift of a book. Save now weekly, or monthly, toward your Christmas presents of Church Books or Magazines. Five per cent less on budget purchases of three dollars or more. Hugh P. Anderson, 2340 LeConte Avenue, Berkeley, is in charge. The Deseret Book Company catalog will be sent you for selecting your favorite publications.

Note a few of the more recent books:

Modern Miracles, by Jeremiah Stokes, $1.00.

Free Masonry and Mormonism, by A. W. Ivins, $1.50.

Joseph Smith, an American Prophet, by John Henry Evans, $3.00.

New Comprehensive History of the Church, (6 vols.), by B. H. Roberts, $30.00.

Bibles, Dictionaries, Childrens Books, Books of every description, Hymn books, Genealogical Records, Pamplets and Tracts.

MARRIAGES

EKINS-DOXEY—Edna Ekins and John Rulon Doxey, July 3, in the Salt Lake Temple.
BAGLEY-PEARCE—Donna Marie Bagley of Oakland and Linford Leroy Pearce of Dimond were married August 3, Ralph Barney officiating.
OSBORN-CRAIG—Fern Osborn of Danville will wed J. C. Craig of Birmingham, Alabama, August 18, at the Osborn home, near the foot of Mount Diablo.
CHRISTIANSEN-BRUNT—Nathala Christiansen to Paul Brunt, of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Announced July 13.
EMMET-WANGSGARD—Louise Emmet of Ogdon, and Alton Wansgard of Oakland. Latter part of July.

BIRTHS

SON, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Johnson of Berkeley, June 7.

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SCOUTING

In a Council wide contest including all phases of scouting, among 140 troops, Oakland Ward Scouts, carried off the honors. Much credit is due this splendid group of boys and their hard working leaders. Kimball Lofgran was chosen as the representative of the Troop at the jamboree in Washington, and he receives a free trip to the big party to be held at the Nation's capital this month.

Glenn Gee, Scoutmaster, and S. Grover Rich, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster are both planning on the journey east, with stopovers at the big cities. Training at the Dimond Camp will start Friday, August 9, and the boys will leave for the jamboree, August 14, returning home September 4. Two days are to be spent in New York, and 10 days in Washington.

The last court of honor for the summer period will be held Sunday evening, August 11, at the Oakland Ward. There will be awards for all ranks, from Tenderfoot to Life. Harry Fletcher, chairman of the troop committee will preside.

GENEALOGICAL

Genealogy Union Meeting will be held August 25.

The net results of the past stake rummage sale held at 472 10th Street were very gratifying. Brothers Fall and Southgate again ask for the cooperation of every Ward in the next sale to be held September 21, at the same address.

There is much to be accomplished by way of organization in the Oakland Stake before the beginning of next seasons work. The personnel of each Ward Committee should be organized immediately. Definate plans for the future should be made. All committee members should receive their respective definate assignmnts.

Ward Chairmn are asked to make preparations for 1936. Class instruction for next year will be taken from "The Way to Perfection," by Joseph F. Smith.

All Genealogical Meetings that were suspended will begin again September 9. This is the date set for all wards to be organized or reorganized for the winters work.

If you are sorry you did not have an opportunity to fill a mission and still wish you could, but don't know how you will ever do it, read these figures:

Ordinances performed by proxy through the efforts of Oakland State Genealogical workers during 1933-34.

Baptisms	5033
Endowments	4058
Sealings:	
Husbands to Wives	506
Children to Parents	463
Total	10,060

This shows more converts by far than all missionary work to the living in California for the same period.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual Sunday School Dime Fund Drive is about to be launched. Once each year, and once only, each member of the Sunday School is given the opportunity to contribute ten cents to the Sunday School cause. This money is used to defray part of the expenses of operating our great Sunday School organization. Our aim is to have eleven Sunday Schools in the Oakland Stake report one hundred per cent contribution before the fifteenth of September. The name of your Sunday School Superintendent will appear in the General Sunday School publication, The Instructor, if his Sunday School is one hundred per cent loyal. Here's hoping that we have eleven Superintendents names on that list.

"There can be no learning without pupil activity." This quotation is taken from our teacher training text. At our next Union Meeting a lecture will be given treating the subject "Directing Class-room Activity." No Sunday School Teacher, who has the welfare of his students at heart can afford to miss this opportunity to better equip himself for the responsibilities he has accepted.

PRIMARY

"Our Primaries are coming home." Each class this summer has been a traveling and will be with us at our 'Home Coming' August 24, 2 p. m., Oakland Ward. These youngsters are bringing us a demonstration in song, dance, games, and handcraft of their knowledge of countries visited. Every parent will enjoy seeing the effort put forth in their endeavor to appreciate more fully their world cousins, and international friendship.

RELIEF SOCIETY

The date for the annual Stake Conference of the Relief Society has been definitely set for Sunday, November 17. Executive officer and Stake board meetings will be held Saturday evening in order to give the entire day Sunday for departmental work and public meetings.

Two members of the General Board from Salt Lake City will be present to direct the work of the Convention. A very splendid program dealing with all phases of Relief Society work has been outlined.

Union Meeting for all Relief Society Officers and class leaders, will be held Sunday, August 24, at 1:30. It is desired that any vacancies existing in the Ward organizations be filled at once. Presidents will please confer with their Bishops and do their utmost to be fully organized before Union Meeting.

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VALLEJO

President and Mrs. J. Myron Telford have recently returned from a trip to Southern California, at which time they visited the San Diego Fair.

The Relief Society sponsored a weenie roast and swim at Vichey Springs, the event marked the closing of the Relief Society Season. Forty-five members enjoyed the evening.

President Joseph E. Robinson was our special speaker on June 25. At this time also, Ward Clerk, King E. Beagley gave an interesting talk on the Latter-Day Saint Exhibit at the San Diego Fair.

Vallejo Branch members spending the Fourth of July holiday out of town were: A. Dairl Hill and family, Walter Hill and family, Parley H. Merrill and family, and Newel Standley and family who enjoyed their vacation on the Russian River. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waite, King Beagley, and Helen Ann Cheshire motored to Lake County for the holiday.

We are happy to welcome as new members into our Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neering and their two children.

Doctor Sargent a speaker at the Sacramental Service, July 14, and daughter Annette are enjoying a few weeks stay in Vallejo, pending the repairing of the "Relief' at Mare Island.

Those who celebrated the Twenty-fourth of July by attending the Pioneer Ball, included Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire and daughter Helen Ann, Katheryn Louise Christensen, and King E. Beagley.

The Relief Society enjoyed their July social at Napa, being the guests of Helen Murdock, Minnie Tyler, and Nancy Soper.

Mr. and Mrs. James E .Mayfield have recently arrived in Vallejo to make their home. The Mayfields are the parents of Mrs. J. Myron Telford.

The Branch received a real treat Sunday, July 21, when they had as their evening speakers, Bromwell Z. Cox, and Charles C. Carr. Brother Carr gave a most interesting account of his recent visit to historical land marks of the Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Nelson were the speakers at the Genealogical meeting held Sunday, June 30.

BERKELEY

Mrs. John Hangartner and son John Walti Hangartner are sailing for Europe on the S. S. Staatendam. They will leave New York August 13, and will be gone about one year visiting relatives in Switzerland and making side trips on the continent. It has been thirty years to the month since Mrs. Hangartner left her home in Zurich.

Helen Blair and Roy Clovis will announce their wedding date shortly.

Several bridal showers have been given lately for Nathala Christiansen Brunt who surprised the Ward with her recent marriage to Paul Brunt, ex French missionary.

The young couple are planning to make their home in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The new J. Edward Johnson baby has been named Cheryl Brockbank.

Little Leon Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Olson who recently had a very serious accident is improving.

Alton Wangsgard a former graduate student of the University of California is here with his bride, the former Louise Emmet of Ogden.

Edna Ekins and John Rulon Doxey were married July 3, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes of the faculty of the Brigham Young University are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Stout.

Lynn Knight, son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Knight is to be the representative of Troop 8, at the Scout Jamboree held in Washington, D. C. this month.

OAKLAND

Ether M. Davey for the past three years a beloved and capable counselor in the Bishopric was honored at a testimonial and party at the ward Saturday evening July 27.

Brother Davey, who succeeded Ralph Jordan as counselor to Bishop Eugene B. Jacobs has endeared himself to the hearts of the Oakland Ward members by his service and gentle understanding. Bishop Shields' tribute to his wife who many times was the motivating force for the splendid harmony and cooperation between the ward leaders.

Miss Donna Bagley and Linford L. Pearce were married in the Bagley home, August 3. Ralph Barney our new counselor to the bishop tied the knot. Several successful parties had been given by their many friends.

The Oakland Group of the First Quorum of Elders gave a very fine swimming party and dance at the Richmond "Rod and Gun" Club, July 17. About 18 couples enjoyed the entertainment. Another party is planned for the later part of August, with Jim Kay as head of the committee in charge.

George Myers and family have returned from a pilgrimage and vacation to Logan, Utah.

W. King Driggs and wife recently went to Chicago with their daughter Yvonne, who is to take a part with the "King Sisters" now singing with Horace Heidt and his band. Maxine a former member of the quartette has returned to Oakland to join her husband here.

Louis Johnson and family are vacationing in Utah.

Ida Nielsen has been chosen 2 Counsellor to Jean Lauper, in the Primary Stake Board Presidency.

DIMOND

We regret the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kent and their family. Tho they had been here less than a year, they made a very distinct place for themselves. Jack was Ward chorister and Florence a Primary teacher. Several farewell parties were given in their honor recently.

Past President Mack Dalton, of the South African Mission, his charming wife Geneva, and their two small sons were guests at the home of his brother, Dr. Mark A. Dalton during their stay here, while enroute for Utah. Dr. Dalton and family returned to Utah with his brother for a vacation.

Among those vacationing are: Mrs. Knute Torgerson and family, Mrs. Arden Allen and children, President Hilton and three of his sons to Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scott and family to Yosemite, Mrs. Elsie Brown, Vivian and Aurtence Cherrington to Idaho.

We welcome to Diamond two new brides: Mrs. Donna Pearce, who became the wife of one of Diamonds popular young men Linford Pearce, August 3, and Mrs. Charles Watkins formerly of Salt Lake City.

Honoring Miss Frances Hartman who will marry Charles Hiatt August 25, in Dimond Chapel, Miss Ann Matheson entertained with a party and shower at her home August 2.

Mrs. Grace Tuttle a past member of the Ward M I A Presidency, now of Salt Lake City recently visited her sister Mrs. McBride.

September 7 is the date chosen for the annual 'Dimond Ward Day.'

ELMHURST

Nearly 200 per cent increase in attendance was the result of our recent Ward Rally to Sacrament Service Sunday evening, July 28. The Ward Teachers sponsored the rally and were responsible for the good speakers, and music which every one appreciated.

Three of our young ladies announce their engagement to marry. Each has selected a young man of their own faith, which is indeed wise. These young sisters are Barbara Paine, Viola Smithen and Rachel Brown.

Elmhurst Ward M I A organization for 1935-36 has just been effected with Calvin Cragun Jr. as President. Y M M I A and John E. Hunt and F. Howard Cambers as 1 and 2 Counsellors respectively. The secretary is yet to be chosen. Irene Schotz as President Y W M I A, with Alice Muir and Edna Darton as 1 and 2 Counsellors. Sophie J. Hansen, Secretary, and Wanda Wimmer, Assistant Secretary.

The Bishopric feel they have chosen these officers wisely, and that they should be given the physical, and moral support of all members of the Ward. We forsee a splendid year of M I A activity.

Sister Inez McFarlane, President of our Primary Association is home after a month's visit with relatives in Utah. Violet Smith acted as President pro tem during her absence

The entertainment and dancing party sponsored by the groups of the Melchizedek Priesthood, Friday, August 2, was very successful. Everyone enjoyed the good music and varied dancing numbers.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended by the many friends of Wallace Wimmer in the loss of their first born. John G. Wimmer and family went to Utah to attend the funeral.

ALAMEDA

The Teachers Quorum enjoyed a very fine weenie roast July 1st., at the home of their supervisor, J. Z. Richardson.

We are very proud of our new water service for the sacrament. Thanks to the ability of our amiable Ward Clerk, Joe Horman, the cost was very small. He donated the material and made the trays himself. They are well balanced and beautifully made.

About a month ago Peter Borup suffered a broken arm while cranking his car, we are happy to see he is nearly well.

New elders in our Ward include: Ernest E. Crosbie, Hyrum S. Horman, and Roah R. Johnson. We are sure they will justify or pride and confidence in them by magnifying their holy calling.

The Deacons Quorum had another swim at Lake Merrit Plunge, July 10.

Henry Seavers and family are visiting in Utah and Idaho.

Mrs. Gladys Clayson and family have returned from a long visit with relatives and friends in Utah. She brought her husbands sister back with her from Spanish Fork, for a short visit.

Mrs. Catherine Marsh attended the Business and Professional Womens Club convention at Seattle.

HAYWARD

On Fast Sunday, Richard Jay, infant son of Roy V. Burns was blessed and Gordon Wells and Arbutus Rose having been previously baptized were confirmed.

Mrs. Genevive Wilcox with her son and daughter Ramon and Marion, all of Salt Lake City were visitors in the Branch, Sunday July 14.

Chris Anderson of Chicago, Thorwald Anderson of Burley, Idaho, and Elsie Carpenter of Los Angeles were visitors of President C. E. Johnston and family the first part of July.

Mrs. Clara Acomb and family of Berkeley are now new members of our Branch. We welcome this family of ardent workers to their new home.

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